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## NEFRA Championship Show 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Many thanks to the committee of NEFRA for the invitation to judge dogs at their championship show.

Thanks to my stewards Harry, Anna & Chris and to my co-judge Jane for respecting my decisions on the joint awards.

Thank you to the exhibitors who entered and for taking my decisions in a sporting way.

As ever temperaments were excellent and presentation has improved, some handlers and dogs needed a little more ring-craft to get the best out of their dogs and over baiting is still a constant bugbear of mine especially when trying to look at the head and teeth, please take the bait away!!

I was alarmed to find a number of bad mouths, I can accept missing teeth in older dogs but a number of dogs had level and in a couple of cases slightly undershot bites. I am by no means a mouth nut but the standard calls for a scissor bite.

I also found a number of oversized males, the Flatcoat is a medium sized breed and many were well up to and over sized, and sadly for a working breed many were overweight and this affected decisions on otherwise nice dogs.

It was interesting to see that a number of my main winners were sired by two particular stud dogs which is reassuring for the breed that we have good stud dogs stamping type and soundness.

### **Veteran :5 (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Walker's Sh Ch Gloi Dubh Fingal JW ShCM

Strong male with excellent oval bone and tight feet, in excellent coat and condition. Pleasing head and melting kind expression and small ears, good rib to loin ratio, nice tail-set, keeping his top-line well on the move where he had honest driving movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wrigley's Oiyou Harem Scarem

Medium sized boy with good feet and bone, pleasing head and expression, dark eye and neat ears. Adequate depth of body, moving out positively in nice coat and condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce's Stranfaer Get Over It JW

Smaller boy but within correct size range with lovely construction, well laid back shoulder, nice top-line and tail-set, moving out soundly fore and aft, his head was just a shade too strong for me.

### **Special Veteran : 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Davis' Pajanbeck Rumour Has It

10 year old with classic moulded head and kind eyes, good bone, nice neck, in lovely coat and condition, moved out with exuberance!

### **Minor Puppy : 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Sullivan's Wyrebeck Shockwave

8 month liver of good colour and coat texture, kind head and expression, small ears and good eye shape. Pleasing front with nice layback of shoulder, good spring of rib and length of loin, excellent width of second thigh, carried his top-line well on the move with a good tail-set, behaving like a pro and well handled, also **Best Liver Dog**.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith's Vynesbrook Hobsons Choice

Less mature and rangier 8 month old with good bone and feet, pleasing head and expression with dark eye and mischievous expression. Needs to drop into his body, moved out well.

### **Puppy: 8**

A promising class, sadly some nice pups were a little too fat (and it wasn't puppy fat!)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Curtis' Tallistar Midnight Ash

Super 9 month old puppy, just the right size and balance for his age, beautiful well moulded head with melting soft expression, dark eyes and small ears. Well developed and strong rear-quarters which gave him excellent drive and so true behind, good top-line and tail-set **Best Puppy In Show**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Curtis' Tallistar Midnight Oak

Litter brother to 1 and very similar in every way, in fact I preferred his front construction as he had the better layback of shoulder but unfortunately gave his very competent handler a tough time so his movement was somewhat erratic, he had the nicest head and expression, a nice pair of puppies, the breeder should be proud of them.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Leigh's Benvellyn Denali at Willaura

This boy was a lot taller but balanced throughout, a lovely classical head, he moved out well fore and aft, he needs to drop into his body which will come with age and as he matures I think he would benefit from moving at a slightly faster pace to appreciate his side profile.

### **Junior: 5 (2)**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bowen's Clandrift Bring Me Sunshine JW

15 month old with classical head, melting mischievous expression with a dark well placed eye, elegant neck and superb forequarter construction with good layback of shoulder, good depth through his body, tight elbows, adequate spring in his ribs, good loin to rib ratio which was lacking so much today, well muscled hindquarters with good width of second thigh, well let down hocks, moved out really well with drive, if he had been in full coat (which you don't expect at 15 months!) he would have taken the CC, he should have a fantastic future **RCC**.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Curtis' Tallistar Midnight Ash (1<sup>st</sup> in puppy)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Mappin's Casblaidd Guess Who For Ayrewyne

17 month old, up to size, pleasing head but would prefer a darker eye colour and better eye shape, moved ok, super flatcoat temperament

### **Yearling : 7 (1)**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Colson's Windyhollows Ragged Robin

A male I have watched come on from a puppy and he is maturing beautifully, the most beautiful one piece moulded head with lovely eye colour, elegant neck, good ear-set, good bone and well padded feet, lovely depth and spring though his rib with correct rib to loin ratio, strong rear-quarters with enabled him to drive well around the ring effortlessly, I really liked him a lot !

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wild's Bitcon Alliance With Bluewaters JW (AI)

Close decision as this boy is very nicely made, lovely head with soft expression, good eye shape, kind expression, nicely made forequarters, strong bone and good feet, lovely spring through the rib and

well muscled rear-quarters, he moved out soundly but needed more confidence to bring his top-line up and show his virtues

3<sup>rd</sup> Wrigley's Oiyou Macchiato

Active confident boy who I liked very much but gave his handler the real runaround! Nice head and expression, good bone and ok feet, once he gets his fabulous flatcoat enthusiasm under control I think he could be a real contender

**Novice :**

1<sup>st</sup> Curtis' Tallistar Midnight Ash (1<sup>st</sup> Puppy)

2<sup>nd</sup> Leigh's Benvellyn Denali at Willaura (3<sup>rd</sup> Puppy)

3<sup>rd</sup> King's Kingisla Isle Of Lewis

Medium sized dog with nice head and expression, moved ok, nice top-line in profile

**Graduate : 4 (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Churchard's Flatcharm Griffin Dark at Churchking

Extremely enthusiastic medium sized boy, kind head and very mischievous expression, good oval bone, pleasing front with well laid back shoulders, particularly liked his length of loin and spring of rib, good depth through his body and well constructed hindquarters, he could do with losing a few pounds and some more ring-craft but I liked him a lot as he had a typical flatcoat temperament!

2<sup>nd</sup> Perry's Glenturret Bumbleberry Pie For Casanjay

Liver male in good coat and condition, nice head shape but as a liver connoisseur I would prefer a slightly darker eye and coat colour, elegant neck, deep body and well constructed rear-quarters which he used to advantage, he would benefit from losing weight over his shoulders as it spoiled his outline on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> Turner's Torwood Galactic Flyer

Medium sized boy with cheeky expression, nice eye shape and small ears, could do with more furnishings

**Post Graduate: 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Hall's Rotherfield Just The Ticket

This dog sort of crept up on me, he doesn't present himself so well but on examination is absolutely lovely, medium sized with a classic head and kind soft expression, he has a lovely elegant neck that flows into well constructed forequarters, deep through the body and great spring of rib, strong rear-quarters with good width of second thigh, nothing over-exaggerated, moved out beautifully, with full furnishings and more confidence from his owner he could go far!

2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley & Lutner's Telurn Fame And Fortune With Rivage

Larger frame and more mature coat wise, good bone and feet, kind head and melting expression, moving out ok

3<sup>rd</sup> Tierling & Fewster's Lizzlog Moonlighting at Karaholme

Mature boy with nice head and expression, good coat and condition, handled nicely

## **Limit : 7 (1)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Walker's Gloi Dubh Just One Look

A dog I have admired ringside so was pleased to get my hands on him. The epitome of raciness without weediness and power without lumber, a real medium sized moderate Flatcoat, he has a nice head and expression with a dark eye, and small ears, good bone and fabulous feet, a well sprung rib and the correct rib to loin ratio, his rear quarters are spot on, enough width of second thigh and his well let down hocks let him power around the ring with ease and elegance, nothing over exaggerated and he shows beautifully freestanding with correct ever wagging tail-set, I am sure he will get his title as he is a super moderate medium sized with soundness and fitness tone to match, happy to award him the **Dog CC**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> May's Ronevorg Dark Angel At Lussac JW SGWC KCWGC

A different type of dog. Lovely head and expression with dark mischievous expression not quite as classical as 1, excellent bone and feet, well laid back shoulders with good spring of rib, good rib to loin ratio, well constructed rear with excellent muscle tone, presented in super hard condition, moved out well with reach and drive, he just didn't have the finish (coat) of the winner but I liked him enough to consider him for the RCC.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sullivan's Wyrebeck Caught By Surprise

Moderate dog in good coat and condition, good depth through the body, showing well

## **Open: 2**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lutner's Telurn Don't Wanna Know

Larger boy with a phenomenal amount of coat! In great condition, good bone and feet, the most lovely classic head and expression with kind well shaped dark eyes. Strong hindquarters and moving out well with a firm top-line and good tail-set, in the challenge I preferred the size of my two winners.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Smitherman & Roberts' Seaheart Crian at Gloi JW

Mature boy with a lovely classical head and soft kind expression, good bone and feet, well let down chest with a moderate spring of rib, keeping a good top-line and tail carriage in his profile movement, just preferred the more accurate rear movement of the winner.

## **Champion: 3**

Very hard class to judge as three very different and very worthy champions, nitty gritty decisions for me with correct size and soundness being the deciding factor.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holman's SA CH Trevena Masterchef at Namtresa (Imp ZAF)

Moderate boy with kind masculine head, nice eye shape and ear set. Deep through the body with tight elbows and a gradual spring of rib, strong square rear-quarters, moving out soundly, could do with losing a few pounds but did not distract from his quality.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Stevenson's Sh Ch Plainfires Captain Of My Heart Is Steelriver ShCEX

Up to size male with the most beautiful head and kind melting expression, well developed fore-chest, good oval bone and strong feet, moving out with style.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Bellamy's Sh Ch Woodfinch Masquerade

The best head of the class with a classical kind expression, not quite as balanced as the other two boys, he has nice front construction and was in excellent coat and condition.

**Special Liver: 5 (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Sullivan's Wyrebeck Shockwave (1<sup>st</sup> in MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> Mappin's Kahoku Endeavour From Ayrewyne (4<sup>th</sup> in puppy)

Dark liver with a pleasing coat colour and corresponding eye colour, top end size wise so hope he has finished growing, deep though the body, he moved okay, covering the ground well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Perry's Glenturret Bumbleberry Pie For Casanjay (2<sup>nd</sup> in graduate)

**Working :1**

1<sup>st</sup> Fox's Satinbaze Cracksman For Blacktoft JW SGWC (AI)

Medium sized dog with the best head and beautiful soft expression, lovely dark eyes, good depth through the body, good rib to loin ratio, holding his top-line nicely standing and on the move, well made rear-quarters which enabled him to drive around the ring with ease. **Best Working In Show**

**Gemma Jacobs (Judge)**